

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**PATENT APPLICATION**

Paul Hanke, *et al.* : POLYNUCLEOTIDE ENCODING  
 : A FEEDBACK RESISTANT  
 : ASPARTOKINASE FROM  
 : CORYNEBACTERIUM

Serial No.: 09/722,441 : Group Art Unit: 1652

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND  
 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for Request for Continued Examination and accompanying Withdrawal from Issue of the above captioned patent application. The accompanying Withdrawal from Issue under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) is submitted to correct obvious errors in the as-allowed claims that would be inappropriate for correction under a post-issuance Certificate of Correction. Thus, Applicants submit corrected claims herewith and request early allowance of the as-amended claims.

Please amend this Application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this Response.

**Appendix**

Petition for Withdrawal from Issue under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 (c)(2)

